

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of July, 2016.

Office of the Public Counsel,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>File No. GC-2016-0297</u></b>
	)	
Laclede Gas Company and	)	
Missouri Gas Energy	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

**ORDER REGARDING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: July 12, 2016

Effective Date: July 22, 2016

On April 26, 2016<sup>1</sup>, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a complaint against Laclede Gas Company ("Laclede") and Missouri Gas Energy ("MGE") (collectively, "Respondents"). The complaint alleges that Respondents are overearning and asks the Commission to lower Respondents' rates.

Consumers Council of Missouri ("CCM") and Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC") filed untimely applications to intervene.<sup>2</sup> Respondents object to these applications.

Respondents oppose CCM's and MIEC's applications to intervene because they were filed late. Further, Respondents point out that CCM represents residential ratepayers, which is the same task given to OPC. Respondents also claim that its due

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<sup>1</sup> Calendar references are to 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Missouri Energy Consumers Group and the Missouri Division of Energy filed timely applications to intervene, which the Commission granted.

process rights are compromised without knowing who MIEC's members are. MIEC and CCM claim that the Commission's website mistakenly listed the intervention deadline as May 31, rather than the May 20 date the Commission set. CCM also points out that while it represents residential ratepayers, OPC represents all ratepayers; thus, its interests are not necessarily represented by OPC. MIEC further states that Laclede will be able to send discovery and read MIEC's testimony and, thus, be well aware of MIEC's positions.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) allows the Commission to grant intervention to a person who has an interest different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or if granting intervention would serve the public interest. The Commission finds that CCM and MIEC have an interest different from that of the general public in that CCM and MIEC represent interests of residential and industrial ratepayers, respectively, that are not the same as the interests of all ratepayers. Further, those interests may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, and that granting them intervention would serve the public interest. Thus, the Commission grants the applications to intervene filed by CCM and MIEC.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The applications to intervene filed by Consumers Council of Missouri and Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers are granted.

2. This order shall become effective on July 22, 2016.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Morris L. Woodruff*

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Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,  
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge